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## Gov. Abbott cuts Travis County funds

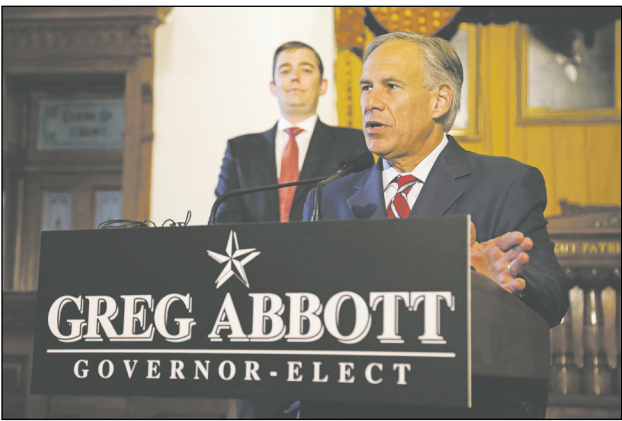
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Gov. Greg Abbott is cutting \$1.5 million in Travis County criminal justice grants after Sheriff Sally Hernandez enacted a new jail policy Wednesday related to federal immigration enforcement. Hernandez's policy does not allow immigration agents to detain undocumented immigrants held in local jails without a warrant. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents make detainer requests to investigate

jailed undocumented immigrants, and Hernandez said in a video last week these requests only ask, but do not require, local law enforcement to fulfill them. "We are in a legislative session — we are working on laws that will, one, ban sanctuary cities, remove from office any office holder who promotes sanctuary cities and impose criminal penalties as well as financial penalties," Abbott told Fox News last week. The county has used \$300,000 out of \$1.8 million it was set to receive in state

funding for criminal justice grants, resulting in a \$1.5 million loss for the county. In addition to the funding cuts, Abbott said last week he would seek a bill to remove elected officials who do not comply with federal immigration enforcement. Hernandez said she will comply with detainer requests without warrants from a judge only for undocumented immigrants who commit sexual assault, murder or human trafficking, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

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Gov. Greg Abbott speaks at a press conference following his victory over Wendy Davis in 2014. Abbott is cutting \$1.5 million in Travis County criminal justice grants following Sheriff Sally Hernandez' new jail policy.

LEGACY

## Professor Barbara Harlow dies at 68

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On her last day on earth, Barbara Harlow removed her ventilation mask and held up a vodka tonic to a room of loved ones in the intensive care unit, celebrating a life well-lived.

"She knew she was going to die once they had taken off the breathing tube," said Neville Hoad, English associate professor and one of Harlow's closest friends. "She wanted the last taste with her friends, and so we did. She lived on her own terms and wanted to die on her own terms."

Harlow, a UT English professor, scholar and human rights activist, died Jan. 28 after a short battle with terminal cancer.

Harlow led campus protests in support of Palestine at UT and spoke vehemently against apartheid in South Africa, wars in the Middle East and American torture tactics, according to an obituary by history professor Toyin Falola.

Harlow received a bachelor's degree in French and philosophy from Simmons College in Boston in 1970. Harlow also pursued a master's degree at the University of Chicago and received her Ph.D. on writer Marcel Proust at the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1977. She has taught at the

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NATIONAL

## UT experts say Trump's ban lacks legality

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President Donald Trump issued an executive order Friday barring refugees and immigrants from seven Middle Eastern countries from entering the U.S., and experts at UT say the travel ban will be legally challenged. "The breadth of the executive orders and the discriminatory nature of them are going to be legally challenging," said Jeremi Suri, history and public affairs professor. "There are many legal problems with the way the orders were written around these issues." According to CNN, Trump said refugees and immigrants from Syria, Iraq, Iran, Sudan, Somalia, Libya and Yemen

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Dana Vaziri, one of UT's Iranian international students, expresses his opinion and personal impact from the refugee and immigrant ban recently put in action by President Donald Trump.

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CITY

## Grad student promotes educational outreach

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In 399 B.C., ancient Greek philosopher Socrates was condemned to death for "corrupting the youth" by asking philosophical questions around the city of Athens. In 2016, philosophy graduate student Briana Toole created philosophy outreach program Corrupt the Youth to do the same at an East Austin high school. Toole started CTY at Eastside Memorial High School to give students of lower socioeconomic backgrounds the chance to question societal conventions under the guidance of UT faculty and student volunteers. Toole said she thinks it is remarkable and important to get people to question why things are the way they are, just as Socrates did. "I think corrupting the youth is exactly what we should be doing," Toole said. "We should encourage students, when they see an injustice, to rebel against it. I think for a long time, education has become so

centered on rote learning and teaching kids how to pass a test, and it has shifted away from this emphasis on critical thinking." Volunteers from the University help run a 90-minute class every Tuesday and every other Friday for juniors who participate in Advancement Via Individual Determination, a college readiness program. Students are selected by teachers to participate in AVID. In the CTY class, Toole said students discuss current concepts in philosophy, such as gun control and the death penalty. Twenty-one UT graduate students, six professors and two undergraduate students are participating this semester in CYT, including philosophy graduate student Simone Gubler, who volunteered last year. "Philosophy is something anyone can have access to," Gubler said. "You don't need books or training to have philosophical questions, and the students that we met were people who had all of these philosophical questions — and all we were doing was validating



Courtesy of Briana Toole

UT graduate student Briana Toole created the Corrupt the Youth educational outreach program to inspire philosophical discussion at underprivileged high schools.

those questions and trying to work with them to find clearer ways to state them and to work through them." High school senior Bruce Zamora participated in the program last spring and has a full-ride scholarship to Hofstra University in New York this fall. "Philosophy helps you open up to anything new," Zamora said. "You ... realize once you take philosophy and once you start taking a slower approach to it, it's (better) than just taking an opinion directly." High school senior Malik

Hill said the class initially made him angry because everyone was debating different opinions. "The class and the subject itself make you think more and make you more open-minded as a person," Hill said. "With the (issue of) gun control, at first, I was against it, but once we got started talking about it, I said I think they should have guns on campus to protect themselves and the people around them." Philosophy graduate

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UNIVERSITY

## Budget cuts may affect McDonald Observatory

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UT's McDonald Observatory, which is home to one of the largest telescopes in the world, is at risk of losing a large portion of its funding. As an astronomy hub educating students and training future astronomers, the McDonald Observatory in West Texas has been a part of UT since 1932 and attracts about 90,000 visitors a year, said observatory director Taft Armandroff. However, the observatory could potentially be one of the several institutions connected with Texas public universities and colleges to lose a significant amount of funding if the Senate's proposed budget is approved. "If there's no (state) money, there's going to be traumatically less activity," Armandroff said. "We'd try to keep doing as much as we can, but obviously it would have serious impacts on the research and the education that happens in astronomy

for the University." The Senate Finance Committee recently proposed a budget for 2018-19 that would decrease funding for "special items" by around \$1 billion. The Legislative Budget Board defines these items as higher education initiatives "that are not supported through formula funding and support the special mission of the institution." Committee chair Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, said the current budget is a starting point and has the potential to change as the legislative session unfolds. While the observatory receives funding from multiple outside sources, such as the National Science Foundation, Armandroff said the money received from the state is crucial to sustaining the entity. Last week during one of several finance committee meetings, Nelson appointed Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, to lead a work group with the mission of

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Aerospace engineering junior Avery Coker practices his sitar in his spare time. He also plays the guitar, piano and saxophone.

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“I will not allow fear and misinformation to be my guiding principles as a leader sworn to protect this community,” Hernandez said in a statement from the Travis County Sheriff’s Office on Thursday.

UT clinical law professor Elissa Steglich is a faculty member of the UT Immigration Clinic, which legally represents low-income immigrants. Steglich said Hernandez is not required by federal law to honor detainer requests by Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents.

“In their current form, they’re just a request (saying) we’re interested in this person please hold them,” Steglich said. “Sheriff Hernandez’s policy says that they will not honor detainer requests unless they are accompanied by a court order or a judicial warrant that clearly establishes

probable cause of a violation of immigration law.”

Steglich said local law enforcement may violate someone’s Fourth Amendment right to not be unreasonably seized if they allow ICE agents to detain someone not based on criminal conviction without a warrant.

“Complying with detainers always puts the county at risk of violating someone’s Fourth Amendment protection, because detainer requests are not accompanied by any assurance of probable cause,” Steglich said.

Steglich also said Abbott’s claim that Hernandez is violating federal law may be derived from a provision in the Immigration and Nationality Act. The provision states that federal, state and local law enforcement cannot restrict its sharing of information with the Department of Homeland Security on those it investigates.

Steglich said Hernandez’s policy is not limiting information shared with DHS, and therefore her policy is not violating any law.

On Tuesday, during his State of the State address, Abbott made banning sanctuary cities an emergency item to discipline those protecting undocumented immigrants from federal immigration enforcement.

“Elected officials cannot pick and choose which laws they will obey,” Abbott said.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick filed Senate Bill 4 banning sanctuary cities in November, and the bill is set for a public hearing Thursday at 8:30 a.m.

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cannot enter the U.S. for 90 days because they threaten national security. The order also states other refugees cannot enter the U.S. for 120 days and vetting will be toughened.

“I’m establishing new vetting measures to keep radical Islamic terrorists out of the United States of America,” Trump said during a press conference Friday. “We want to ensure that we are not admitting into our country the very threats our soldiers are fighting overseas.”

Suri said U.S. presidents have the authority to enact strict policies to protect national security, but Trump’s order singling out predominantly Muslim countries and saying he prioritizes Christian refugees could be considered religious discrimination. “He has the right to place restrictions on people who come from particular terrorist groups which identify as terrorist groups,” Suri said.

Suri said a combination of the First and 14th Amendments provides the strongest case against the ban, because it can be argued that it violates people’s freedom of religion and equal protection under the law.

“That’s the clearest violation,” Suri said. “(There) has been a long-standing judicial prohibition on any kind of law or establishment of anything that has a particular religious discrimination built into it.”

Suri said abuse of executive power could be grounds for another challenge, because picking and choosing which countries to ban is executive

overreach. In 2011, former President Barack Obama ordered extreme vetting on refugees from Iraq, but Suri said the order did not ban people entirely like Trump’s order.

“It assessed the risk factors of individuals, and it did not create any blanket prohibitions on people because of their area of origin,” Suri said. “There was no prohibition on people from Iraq; it just created extra vetting.”

On Tuesday, White House counsel Donald McGahn said green card holders from these countries can travel and return to the U.S. as they please, according to Politico.

Computer science sophomore Dana Vaziri, an international student who moved from Iran in August 2015, said he has a two-year student visa allowing him to stay in the U.S. Unless Vaziri maintains his student status for graduate school, he will have to renew his visa, as it expires soon.

Vaziri said he agrees with Trump’s crackdown on radical terrorism but believes students such as himself only want to better the country.

“We’re here to learn, to give back to the world ... and I think that this ban is unfair,” Vaziri said. “(International students) have to overcome a lot of barriers to get accepted into a United States university.”

Business management senior Javier Price said Trump is trying to protect the nation, but the airport detentions are unjust.

“It’s just like self-defense,” Price said. “I feel like the ones that are detained should be let in if they are 100 percent legal.”

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designating a more specific financial plan for special items.

“Some of the programs are really worthwhile and have had value,” Seliger said during a committee meeting. “Some of them should’ve expired in the biennium in which they were granted and yet have kept going for years, even generations. I would argue that some of them aren’t really special or exceptional at all.”

The UT System included 13 special items on their Legislative Appropriations Request for 2018-19, including the Texas Natural Science Center, the Marine Science Institute in Port Aransas and the Institute for Geophysics.

Nelson said she wants to ensure each special item is benefiting the public and fulfilling the core mission of higher education.

Armandroff said he believes the observatory is one of the University’s main priorities. He said the president and legislative liaisons are currently working to educate the Senate about the observatory’s mission and resources, but a major cut in funding would still curtail activities.

The observatory offers a unique opportunity for students to work with advanced telescopes and other equipment, Armandroff said.

“As cities grow, there’s fewer and fewer places where there’s dark skies where you can have a world-class observatory,” Armandroff said. “It’s a distinction that we have here that we’re very pleased to put in the hands of students.”

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student Amelia Kahn will be succeeding Toole as the director of the program next year.

“It’s super empowering for especially underprivileged kids to get the message that ... you can figure things out on your own,” Kahn said. “You don’t have to wait for someone to tell you.”

Toole said she hopes to expand the program to a three-week summer program for Texas high school students, akin to Duke University’s Talent Identification Program for gifted students.

postcolonial studies and quite the cat lady. Harlow made her own pants and that’s all she would wear, Hoad said.

“(Harlow) combined activism and scholarship in interesting and new ways,” Hoad said. “She didn’t suffer fools gladly.”

Kamran Ali, associate professor of anthropology, Middle Eastern studies and Asian studies, said Harlow was a scholar who taught on global terms and a pioneer in teaching literature and human rights courses.

“She was a person who inspired a lot of us and guided us,” Ali said. “Especially in this day and age when things are changing so fast, we needed her and her insights and her mentoring, so she will be sorely, sorely missed.”

Elizabeth Cullingford, English professor and department chair, said Harlow is important now because she’s a figure for resistance.

“Eccentric is the wrong word,” Cullingford said. “She was incredibly original. In a time of



Barbara Harlow  
UT English professor

Trump, she would’ve been a real voice for resisting, because she was absolutely concerned about people of color, people who are poor, people who are targeted by the government and people in the Middle East.”

Cullingford said the Palestinian cause was extremely important to Harlow because she had her first job at the American University in Cairo in 1977.

Harlow taught at UT for more than 30 years and wrote three books. She died at 68 and was in the process of writing a book on the culture of drones.



CAMPUS



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Students run down 21st Street for a fundraiser benefiting student life. The annual Longhorn Run opened for registration this Wednesday.

# Annual Longhorn Run opens registration

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Students lined up in front of Gregory Gym to register for the Longhorn Run on Wednesday morning, the first day of registration for the 2017 run. An annual tradition since 2010, the race is an initiative to raise funds for Student Government and Recreational Sports. Since its inception, the Longhorn Run has benefited student organizations such as Texas THON, Orange Jackets and the Asian Business Students Association. “The very original mission of the event stays true today — proceeds from the race benefit student excellence funds on campus and support the UT experience,” RecSports assistant director Cecilia Lopez Cardenas said.

Chemical engineering senior Kevin He, Longhorn Run campus outreach coordinator, said the event is a bonding experience. “Whenever (you’re) running you’ll see so many people you know, so many people that you’ve seen in past years, and you get to catch up with them,” He said. The race will be held April 8 this year and will start and finish at the junction of 21st Street and Speedway. The race offers both a 5K and 10K course that will wind through campus and downtown Austin. “It’s becoming a spring campus tradition. Our goal is to make the Longhorn Run the largest display of UT tradition in the springtime,” Cardenas said. “Last year we had around 4,700 people

participate, and this year we are trying to reach a goal of 5,500 individuals.” Registration will continue until April 7, and the event is open to all members of the public. Mechanical engineering junior Adolfo Castro said the race unites runners of all skill levels. “I don’t see it as a competition,” Castro said. “(It’s) just about coming together and having a good time.” As the participation and the revenue generated increases, the original purpose of the Longhorn Run remains central: to represent the student body, both in allocation of proceeds and in developing rapport with the community. Pre-race Logistics Coordinator Phillip Yoon, supply chain management senior, said the

“It’s becoming a spring campus tradition. Our goal is to make the Longhorn Run the largest display of UT tradition in the springtime.” — Cecilia Lopez Cardenas, RecSports assistant director

Longhorn Run is a collection of stories. “Everybody runs for a different reason,” Yoon said. “For some people this might be their first race, for others it might be their 100th race. For me, it’s helping people take the first step in their running journey and being a better version of themselves.”

SYSTEM

# Chairman clarifies statement regarding diversity of regents

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UT System chairman Paul Foster said Thursday the Board of Regents should be a diverse representative of Texas, taking back comments he made on the UT System not requiring an African-American perspective to serve this past week. Foster’s remarks came after state Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, voiced his concerns about Gov. Greg Abbott not appointing an African-American as a regent. West said this is a recurring problem that needs to change. “In (its) 126-year history, only three African-Americans ever served on that board, out of over 240 to 250 or more regents,” West told The Daily Texan. “It’s not just a Greg Abbott problem. It’s been a problem in the past, also. You can’t tell me out of four million African-Americans in this country, in this state, you can’t find one to serve on that board, and frankly all (boards) of regents?” Foster’s controversial comments arose when West questioned Foster on the selection of the appointees for the System this past Thursday. West asked Foster how the System would handle cultural issues without an African-American perspective on the board. Foster said he completely agreed with West’s concern on the matter but that the decision was out of his hands,

as the governor is the one responsible for selecting the regents. However, West said he wanted to understand Foster’s view on the matter and if a black perspective is needed on the board. “I don’t think it’s critical, I mean, but it’s very, very helpful,” Foster said. West held a press conference the day before the hearing to discuss his views on Abbott’s selection for UT System regents, citing the lack of African-Americans selected. West said the board is responsible for many tasks, such as creating policies and programs, which directly impact students. “The only thing African-Americans can do now is to stand in the room, attempt to talk to persons that are on the board, be a part of the public session, but can’t be a part of the deliberation process of the UT Board of Regents in 2017,” West said in the press conference. “We know what Texas is going to look like in the future, and how does the system, the UT System, prepare for the future if you don’t have the perspective of African-Americans, of Hispanics on the board?” Foster released a statement the same day after the hearing in which he explained what he meant during the questioning with West. “I unequivocally believe that a board that represents the people of Texas — a truly diverse



Paul Foster  
UT System Chairman

body that brings multiple perspectives to every issue — is absolutely critical to the success of the UT System,” Foster said in a statement. “I can say with utmost confidence that all of the members of the UT System Board of Regents carry out their duties with the best interests of our students, faculty and all Texans foremost in their minds.” West told The Daily Texan that he acknowledges Foster’s apology. “I thought it was a (poor) choice of words that he was very apologetic for making,” West said. “I accepted his apology and think that he will make certain that students, and all Texans, are represented on advisory committees and other committees in the UT System.” According to Jenny LaCoste-Caputo, executive director of media relations for the UT System, Chancellor William McRaven “fully concurs” with Foster’s statement.

RESEARCH

# Cockrell study shows solar energy storage increases emissions

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The storage of solar energy increases consumption and emissions compared to the current method of sending excess energy to the utility grid, according to a study by a team from the Cockrell School of Engineering. The study, published in the science journal Nature Energy on Jan. 30, acknowledges that solar energy storage saves utility infrastructure costs by reducing power flows in the distribution grid, but it focuses on what many have disregarded — the downside of storing solar energy. “These findings challenge the conventional notion that energy storage is inherently clean,” said co-author Robert Fares, a Cockrell alumnus and fellow at the U.S. Department of Energy, in a blog post for Scientific American. The research reports that the typical battery system used today to store solar energy is inefficient, losing energy and increasing annual energy consumption by 324 to 591 kilowatt-hours per household on average. The increase in energy consumption is not the only setback of solar energy storage, Fares said in a blog post. “With today’s fossil-fueled powered electric grid, the increase in energy consumption also leads to an increase in overall emissions,” Fares said in the post. The solar energy that is lost in the battery must

be compensated for in a different area — the electric grid, which is run by fossil fuels. The researchers calculated that adding storage to solar-powered homes would lead to an increase in carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide emissions for the average household. The Solar Energy Industries Association reports the number of homes that have installed solar panels has increased over 1,000 percent since 2004, reaching over 1 million installations in 2016. Currently, almost all solar-powered homes are without on-site storage for their solar energy, according to the Cockrell study. Study co-author Michael Webber, a Cockrell professor and deputy director of UT’s Energy Institute, said lack of on-site storage isn’t necessarily an issue. “The good news is that storage isn’t required to make solar panels useful or cost-effective,” Webber said. Webber and Fares make it clear that using storage with solar panels is still cleaner than not using solar panels at all, but for now, it is better to use solar panels without storage. “In other words, if a household with solar panels wants to reduce its emissions footprint, adding energy storage is a bad idea,” Fares said in the post. “If we’re not careful, we could actually increase energy consumption and emissions.”

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COLUMN

# Democrats must not adopt Tea Party tactics

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It’s been suggested that in opposing President Donald Trump, Democrats should pursue tactics similar to those of the Tea Party movement. This is a strange idea, given the fate many leading voices in that movement. Prominent Tea Party politicians like Ron Paul (the movement’s so-called “intellectual godfather”), Rand Paul, Sarah Palin and Michele Bachmann have been relegated to various stages of irrelevancy. Meanwhile, Marco Rubio and Ted Cruz, the movement’s latter-day saints, have been converted to the cult of Donald Trump.

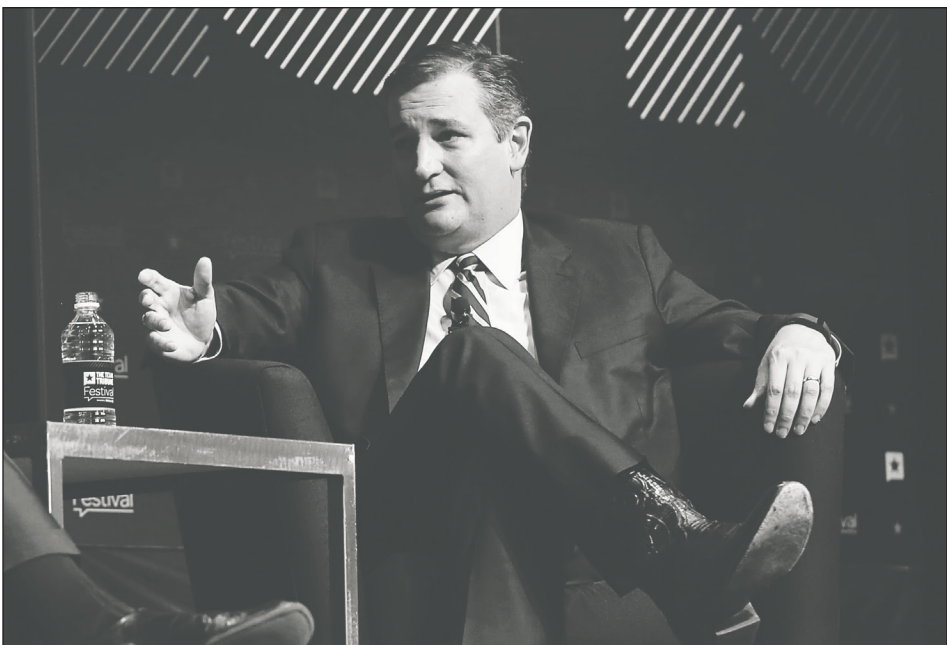
It’s worth examining Cruz’s transformation closely, both because he represents Texas and because he and the president share a particularly colorful history. At first they enjoyed a relationship of mutual benefit: Cruz embraced Trump during the early months of the GOP primary campaign. Then the field narrowed, and they became bitter enemies. Trump shared an unflattering photo of Cruz’s wife and accused his father of involvement in the Kennedy assassination. Cruz called Trump a “sniveling coward,” a “pathological liar,” “utterly amoral” and a “serial philanderer.”

After Trump secured the nomination, Cruz pointedly refused to endorse him at the Republican National Convention. Then, when it became clear that Trump’s campaign was not going to fail miserably, Cruz reversed course and endorsed him after all.

“As the opposition party, Democrats can and must present a unified, coherent and appealing alternative to the unhinged lunacy of Donald Trump’s Republican Party – and not just a stone wall.

Now that his former rival is president, the Texas senator is aspiring to new heights of spinelessness. Enthusiastically backing Trump’s ban on refugees entering the United States, Cruz blamed “hysteria and mis-truths being pushed by the liberal media” for the widespread backlash, calling the ban “a commonsense step that the American people overwhelmingly support.” Cruz has also fawned over Trump’s nominees to the cabinet and the Supreme Court, commended Trump for firing acting Attorney General Sally Yates, and accused Democrats of suffering from “Trump Derangement Syndrome.”

If only Cruz’s cowardice made him unique among Texas politicians. Rep. Lamar Smith of the 21st Congressional District, which covers parts of Austin including West Campus, gave a bizarre speech on the floor of the House of Representatives last Tuesday in which he praised the president’s “tremendous energy” and compared him to Teddy Roosevelt. Smith also declared that it was “better to get your news directly from the president,” adding, “it might be the only way to get the unvarnished truth.”



Stephanie Tacy | Daily Texan file photo  
U.S. Senator Ted Cruz, R-Texas, speaks at the Texas Tribune Festival on Sept. 24, 2016. When pressed by Texas Tribune CEO Evan Smith, Cruz infamously refused to endorse Donald Trump.

Somehow, the leaders of a movement dedicated to electing principled, small-government conservatives have all bent the knee to Donald Trump, a man who is none of those things. Where did the Tea Party go wrong? Simply put, it failed to understand the difference between effective resistance and meaningless theatrics. Americans got sick of all the grandstanding and gridlock, so when 2016 came around, they elected someone who ostensibly aspired to end it. Democrats can ill afford to make the same mistake. There’s nothing wrong

with mass protests, nor with obstruction of Trump’s bad decisions and dangerously unqualified nominees. And since Trump himself is dangerously unqualified, there will be a lot of necessary obstruction. But don’t confuse that with the Tea Party’s unnecessary obstruction. As the opposition party, Democrats can and must present a unified, coherent and appealing alternative to the unhinged lunacy of Donald Trump’s Republican Party — and not just a stone wall.

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COLUMN

# Sessions’ racist record makes him unfit for AG role

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Time heals all wounds.

31 years ago, after being deemed “too racist” for a federal judgeship by the Republican-controlled Senate Judiciary Committee, Jeffrey Beauregard Sessions III, receded back to the South. Yesterday Senator Sessions was approved by the same committee that rejected him over three decades ago. Sessions, Trump’s pick for attorney general, now waits for further confirmation on the Senate Floor. From his experience in Mobile, Alabama to his time in Washington, D.C. Senator Sessions has proven he will rend the fabric of civil rights that has been delicately constructed through decades of constant sacrifice.

Senator Sessions fits in perfectly with the “at all costs” mentality fostered by President Trump and his top advisor Steve Bannon toward immigrants. In 2009, the senator praised Operation Streamline, a relatively unknown Department of Homeland Security policy enacted by the Bush

administration in 2005 and rolled back by the subsequent Obama administration. It was aimed at “streamlining” the process of deporting immigrants caught illegally crossing the border delineated in three key approaches: en masse hearings, zones of “zero tolerance,” and forced plea bargains.

Instead it has created a system of assembly-line justice divorced from fundamental constitutional and human principles. It has maxed out capacities of detention centers and U.S. district attorneys, detracting from the prosecution of greater crimes. It’s an approach which has turned many would-be refugees and asylum seekers into victims.

As time has revealed the deep flaws of this partisan policy, Sessions has reiterated his belief that Streamline was effective and expressed his intent to restore it. Senator Sessions’ opposition to sanctuary cities, and his critical view of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) neither bode well for the diverse and generous community of Austin nor reflect the noble ideals of the state.

The hallmark of American democracy, often touted as a testament to the brilliance

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of the Founding Fathers, is the system of checks and balances cemented in the Constitution. It is because he fails to uphold these checks and balances that Senator Sessions is uniquely unqualified to be the attorney general of the United States.

“He’s going to be the nation’s top law man,” says Mark K. Updegrove, director of the LBJ Presidential Library. “That puts him in a position to direct the legal agenda of the Trump administration.” The attorney

general can sometimes, indeed on occasion if asked to, guide the presidency. Senator Sessions appears to understand this. In the confirmation hearing of Sally Yates, the Alabama republican stated his belief that the attorney general has the “responsibility to say ‘no’ to the president if he asks for something improper.” However, his track record indicates otherwise. As attorney general for the state of Alabama, Jeff Sessions bent the interpretation of the state constitution, almost unilaterally granted a large donor business in state infrastructure projects and announced support for chain gangs used by a local police force. By the standards Sessions has laid out for others he is failing miserably.

Jeff Sessions is likely to be confirmed, but with his record in mind, Congress and the American public must keep a watchful eye on him. In an administration swamped with allegations of impropriety, corruption, and conflicts of interest, it will take a man or woman with great strength to control the executive branch. Jeffrey Beauregard Sessions III is not that man.

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COLUMN

# Public opposition, not Democrats, will stop Trump

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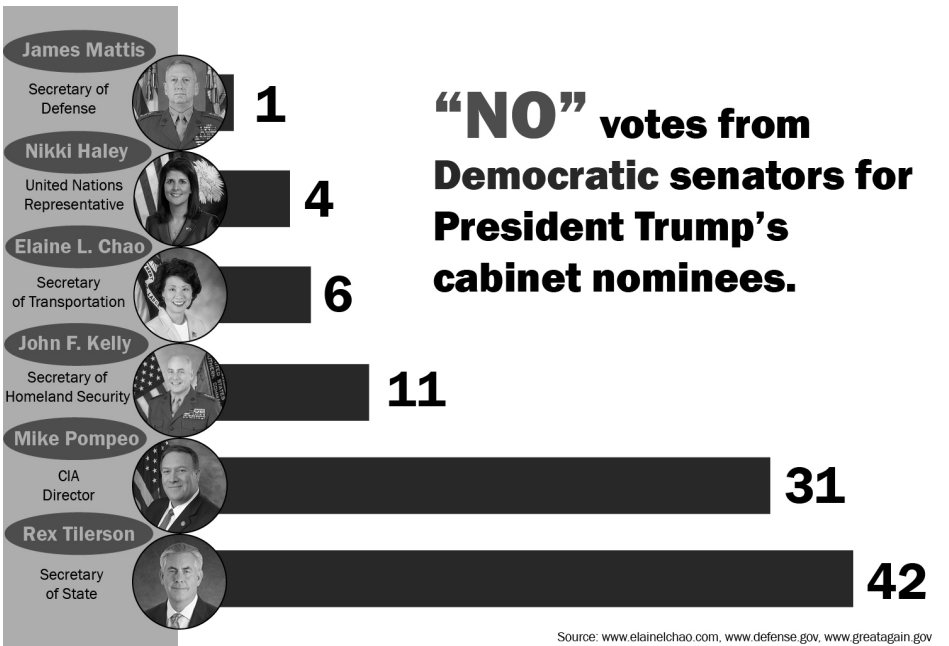
The weeks following Trump’s inauguration have seen an era of protest unprecedented in American history. Millions took to the streets the day after the inauguration in the Women’s March, and when the White House instituted the Muslim ban, thousands went out again and congested travel at every major airport in the country until the American Civil Liberties Union was able to get a stay against the order. Conspicuously absent from these demonstrations were elected Democrats, who didn’t throw their full weight behind the protests until the undeniable and instantaneous airport sit-ins. The events of the past few weeks have shown that the only way to successfully oppose Trump is overwhelming public pressure directed at elected officials of both parties.

While the American majority was horrified by the results of the election, the democratic elite were largely indifferent. Many Democratic senators voted for Trump’s cabinet nominees and have been open to his nomination of Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court. Senator Richard Blumenthal, D-Connecticut, said that Democrats “should not repeat the Republicans’ wrong” by filibustering Gorsuch’s nomination. Attitudes like this show how out of touch many Democrats are with their

constituents, who refuse to validate their officials’ insistence that this is the new normal.

Fortunately, these constituents are bringing their representatives back to reality. As of Jan. 31, 14 Democratic senators, including household names such as Tim Kaine, D-Virginia, and Dianne Feinstein, D-California, had voted to confirm every one of the five Trump nominees that had gone to vote. Among these senators was Sheldon Whitehouse, D-Rhode Island, recently lambasted at a town hall by his community. Protesters filled up the building and criticized Whitehouse for voting for Trump’s nominees. Faced with criticism, Whitehouse admitted that he “might have been wrong” in his votes.

This public pressure has even been shown to work with conservative politicians. The backlash surrounding the nomination of Betsy DeVos has been fiercer than any other Trump nomination, motivated by fear of DeVos’s dangerous views on school privatization and her disastrous senate questioning. This backlash is so intense that it has moved beyond the left, and motivated two Republican senators, Susan Collins, R-Maine, and Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, to oppose her. To explain her opposition, Murkowski cited the “thousands of Alaskans who have shared their concerns about Mrs. DeVos.” Republicans have shown they can’t be trusted to keep Trump in check, but the fact that some have found the courage to oppose him, even on just a single cabinet nomination, shows how



much power the public still has.

The Democrats have shown us who they are. They will only actively oppose and filibuster Trump if they’re constantly receiving pressure from their constituents to do so. If we want to oppose Trump, we’ve seen what works. Massive protest, contact with representatives and enabling the ACLU are all methods we’ve seen

work. What won’t work is sitting back and expecting our politicians to fix the problem on their own. Propriety in politics died a long time ago, and we as Americans must remind our democratic politicians of that at every opportunity, and push them to do the right thing.

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FOOD

# Students launch Co-op food truck serving acai

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Dwindling interest and growing boredom with academia led two students to take their educations out of the classroom and launch their own company. Taking a dive head first into the real business world, economics sophomore Preston Brown and Austin Community College business administration freshman Alex Yang founded Austin Acai Company.

A staple of the UT food truck scene, this sweet and nutritious snack venue was established in 2016 by two college students with an entrepreneurial drive.

Brown and Yang met sitting next to each other in an ACC business course and bonded over their mutual motivations for success.

“We were both studying business because we both wanted to start (one),” Yang said. “And businesses are a lot easier to do with a partner.”

The pair’s shared goal of constructing and owning an enterprise led them to collaboratively brainstorm profitable ideas.

“We both had similar interests in starting a business,” Brown said. “Then we went to Blenders and Bowls, and were like, ‘We can do this way better.’”

With that vision in mind, Yang and Brown went to work trying to solidify their

idea, such as figuring out the business and financial requirements of managing a food truck.

“There was a lot of research and development we had to do ... We had no idea how food businesses ran,” Yang said.

Brown and Yang, both 19 at the time, began researching what their competitors were doing and looking into what it would take for them to run a business in the food industry. They contacted blender manufacturers and acai distributors and started comparing recipes, all in the hopes of dreaming up the best, most unique product.

“None of our stuff is copied from someone else, so our menu items you’re not going to find anywhere else,” Yang said.

The food truck capitalizes on the current trend of eating convenient and healthy foods: All of their ingredients, with the exception of Nutella, are organic, allowing college students to have access to delicious and fresh snacks.

Bobby Kirkov, owner of Pommes Frites and Austin Acai’s neighbor in the Co-op Food Court, is inspired by how Brown and Yang run Austin Acai. Kirkov even said he’s integrated some of their ideas into his own truck.

“They seem to be very inspirational, as far as health goes... Since I met them I’ve changed a bunch of stuff on our menu,”



Joshua Guerra | Daily Texan Staff

Economics sophomore Preston Brown and Austin Community College business administration freshman Alex Yang (not pictured) co-founded Austin Acai Company in 2016. Their Austin Acai food truck can be found in the Co-op Food Court.

Kirkov said. “A bunch of our stuff now is all organic.”

Although Brown and Yang seem to have a fair amount of business savvy, they said it’s less thanks to formal education and more a result of the networks they’ve made while building their business.

“To be very honest, and hopefully this doesn’t

discourage people who need school, school didn’t really help at all,” Yang said.

Both Brown and Yang are more invested in acquiring knowledge from real-world, tangible situations, rather than anything involving their school studies.

“Classes don’t teach you how to start a business,”

Brown said. “They teach you how to be an employee for an existing business.”

Though schooling did not exactly prepare the two for this venture, they have certainly gained a lot from it.

“I learn so much more—probably 90 percent of how business works working here, and 10 percent through class

and studying other things,” Yang said.

With experience as their ultimate teacher, they know there is more to learn in the future.

“I mean, obviously, this is the food truck business, so it’s not like we’re doing anything super complicated,” Brown said.

## CLIMATE

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faith, there’s a real desire to know truth and to search out truth. We may find it through different outlets, but I think ultimately we’re both using the gift that God has given to us to make this world a better place.”

Helsel hopes to use the lessons she’s learned during her time as a preacher to encourage skeptics to change their

mind. She said taking small steps will be the best way to encourage people to prevent climate change.

“Talking about climate change can be very overwhelming for some people, and they kind of lose the stamina to be able to address it,” Helsel said. “We need to make these issues local, both so that people realize that making a difference isn’t so hard and so that people realize that these

issues affect them and their communities personally.”

For those Christians who still wonder if they should care about the fate of the environment, Hayhoe says they should take a look at their Bibles.

“... To them, I would say, ‘Well, haven’t you read the first chapter of Genesis?’” Hayhoe said. “It says that humans have responsibility over every living thing on this planet.”



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MEN'S BASKETBALL | TEXAS 62-58 TEXAS TECH

# Davis' late three gives Texas win over Tech

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Sophomore guard Eric Davis Jr. has not had an ideal season for a player that showed so much promise in his freshman campaign. But if the past three games have been any indication, Davis has hit his stride, especially from behind the three-point line. Davis once again found magic with 29 seconds to play Wednesday night at the Frank Erwin Center. Davis received a pass in the corner with Texas and Texas Tech deadlocked at 58. And with zero hesitation, Davis drilled a three-pointer to give the Longhorns the lead and ultimately a 62-58 victory for a struggling Texas squad. "I just really try to hunt good (shots) but still be aggressive at the same time," Davis said. "I just stepped up and knocked it down, and I had confidence." Davis finished with 15 points on 6-of-9 field goals. Freshman forward Jarrett Allen came alive with 19 points of his own and eight rebounds. Freshman guard Andrew Jones had 11 points and seven assists. After blowing an 11-point

lead in the second half, Texas collected itself and took the lead at 58-57 with 1:27 to play thanks to an acrobatic layup from Davis in the lane. Texas Tech senior forward Anthony Livingston was fouled on the other end. After airballing the first free throw, he nailed the second to tie the game at 58 with under a minute to play. "You can't play out of avoidance," head coach Shaka Smart said. "You can't play out of worry that it might not go your way. You got to attack." Texas Tech took a 22-14 lead with 6:16 left in the first half. Texas finally found its mark from beyond the arc and took control of the game in the final two-and-a-half minutes of the first half. The Longhorns used an 11-2 run to close out the half. Allen hit a pair of free throws. Then Davis, Jones and freshman guard Jacob Young each knocked down threes to bring the crowd back to life. A huge block in the lane by freshman forward James Banks on the other end ensured a 28-26 lead for the Longhorns heading into the locker room. The Longhorns began the second half just like they



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Sophomore guard Eric Davis drives past Texas Tech senior forward Anthony Livingston. Davis finished the contest with 15 points. ended the first. Texas opened the half on a 13-4 run in the first five minutes to take a 41-30 lead. A three by Jones ended the run, leading to another loud explosion from the home crowd, forcing the Red Raiders to call a timeout. "These types of games are fun," Davis said. "This is what you come to college for." Texas Tech did not go away, however, and inched closer to Texas with a three-pointer from senior forward Anthony Livingston, which cut the deficit to 50-48 with 7:29 left to play. Five-straight points from junior guard Niem Stevenson gave the Red Raiders their first lead of the second half at 53-50 with 6:14 left. "Coach always tell us this game is a game of runs," Jones said. "We just had to respond and get back on track."

## SIDELINE

### NBA

	RAPTORS	104
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	THUNDER	100

### TODAY IN HISTORY

1892

A boxing match between Harry Sharpe and Frank Crosby goes 77 rounds, the longest bout under modern rules.

### SPORTS BRIEFLY

**Men's golf kicks off spring season**  
No. 12 Texas kicks off its spring season in Waikaloa, Hawaii, at the Amer Ari Intercollegiate. The men will be looking to carry over their momentum from a strong fall campaign that included a victory at The Golf Club of Georgia Collegiate. The Longhorns will be going up against a loaded field. The invitational features four of the top-ten teams in the nation, a group led by No. 5 Oklahoma State. Eight of the 21 teams competing in the tournament reside in the top-25. Texas has had plenty of success at Waikaloa Kings' Course. The team was runner-up at the Amer Ari invitational in 2011 and followed that up with a first-place finish in 2012. In the Longhorns' last five appearances in the event, they have never finished lower than eighth. Competing for the Longhorns are juniors Doug Ghim and Scottie Scheffler, sophomore Steven Chervony, senior Gavin Hall and freshman Nick Costello. Scheffler is coming off a strong performance at the East Lake Cup in November, where he took home the individual crown. The tournament is scheduled for Thursday Feb. 2 through Saturday Feb. 4, with 18 holes played each day. The tee-time for each round is 12:30 p.m. —Shane Lewis

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | TCU 71-85 TEXAS

# Atkins leads late push in road win

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Ariel Atkins stole the show Wednesday night. The No. 12 Longhorns escaped Stillwater, Oklahoma, with an 85-71 victory over the Cowgirls, largely behind three-point heroics from Atkins and fellow junior guard Brooke McCarty. The duo combined for seven three-pointers to lift the Longhorns to their 15th-straight victory. Atkins lit up the court for 26 points on 11-of-13 shooting while going a perfect 3-3 from beyond the arc. McCarty, who needed to drain three triples to move into seventh place on Texas' all-time three-point makes list, surpassed the mark as she connected on four from deep. McCarty finished with 16 points and a game-high eight assists. Senior center Kelsey Lang notched her seventh double-double of the season in the winning effort with 21 points and 12 boards. Forward Joyner Holmes rounded out the Longhorns in double figures, recording 12 points and 5 rebounds. The freshman had a solid 4-4 night at the free-throw line. The Longhorns jumped out to a quick 9-0 run to take advantage in the first quarter. Atkins led the early attack to give Texas a 26-19 lead heading into the second stanza. After a back-and-forth start to the second quarter, Oklahoma State's bigs,

Kaylee Jensen and Mandy Coleman, changed the momentum in the home team's favor. The tandem sparked a 10-0 run to give the Cowgirls their first lead of the night, 37-34. McCarty drilled a three to even the score at 37, but the second quarter belonged to the red-hot Cowgirls as they carried a 42-39 lead into the half. Coleman and Jensen each recorded 13 points before halftime. Coleman inked a triple to start the second half, but the Oklahoma State lead didn't last for long. Coleman and Jensen cooled off late in the game to finish with 22 and 21 points, respectively. Atkins hit a series of buckets to regain the lead for the Longhorns, 49-48. Texas laid down a 28-point third quarter, entering the final period with a 67-60 lead. The burnt orange pulled away in the final quarter while holding the Cowgirls to a mere nine points. Despite the win, foul trouble haunted the Longhorns — an issue that has plagued them numerous times throughout the season. Six Longhorns finished with three or more fouls. Texas returns home to host Kansas State on Saturday at 5 p.m with a perfect conference record on the line. The Longhorns sit atop the Big 12 with No. 2 Baylor, each holding 11-0 records in the league.



Joshua Guerra | Daily Texan Staff  
Junior guard Ariel Atkins led the Longhorns in scoring with 26 points to push Texas to another victory.

FOOTBALL

# Herman pleased with class despite moderate ranking

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Wednesday marked a hectic day in college football. As desks topped with college-branded hats scattered across the nation, high school seniors committed to their football futures on National Signing Day. A series of players decided to commit their respective football careers to head coach Tom Herman and Texas. Herman reeled in 18 commits in his inaugural recruiting class as the head of the Longhorn program. "We wanted to make sure we were bringing in quality young men that we had relationships with that we knew could fit our way of doing things," Herman said. "We did extensive background research on all of these individuals and are really, really excited about where they fit." The stars of Texas' recruiting class included several early commits. Houston-area running back Toneil Carter and former Westlake High School quarterback standout Sam Ehlinger — both four-star recruits — headlined the Longhorns' 33rd-ranked recruiting class, according to ESPN. The No. 33 ranking places Texas second among Big 12 programs and second among programs that missed out on bowl eligibility in 2016. One year ago, former Texas and current South Florida head coach Charlie Strong landed a top 10 recruiting class for the Longhorns, but the ranking was unable to translate to on-field success. But Herman believes his class can prove even better than its ranking. "What the rankings don't do is crack their chests open and look at their heart," Herman said. "They don't look at their work ethic. They don't look at what their coaches say about them. There are a lot of three and four-star guys that are undervalued in my opinion, because of those intangibles." National Signing Day proved rather uneventful for the Longhorns. Texas' major signing on Wednesday was Flori-



Joshua Guerra | Daily Texan Staff  
Head coach Tom Herman addressed the media Wednesday.

da-native wide receiver Jordan Pouncey. The three-star receiver announced his commitment to Texas in the early afternoon, selecting the Longhorns over Notre Dame, Tennessee and Miami (Fl.). Despite a large herd of new Longhorns, Herman and company missed out on several esteemed prospects. Chevin Calloway, the Dallas-native 11th-ranked ESPN cornerback, selected Arkansas over Texas and Nebraska. Stephan Zabie, another four-star Texas target, slipped away from Herman. Hailing from Westlake High School, Zabie elected to take his talents out of state and play for the UCLA Bruins. Zabie was the No. 24 ESPN offensive tackle, a four-star prospect. Texas' other hopeful entering the day, four-star defensive end K'Lavon Chaisson, committed to LSU in the morning. Chaisson, from Houston, contributed to the current trend of high school athletes from the Lone Star State playing college football elsewhere. Only one of the top-10 recruits from Texas committed in-state — wide receiver Jalen Reagor for TCU. The full Texas recruiting class includes five out-of-state players — Pouncey, defensive tackle Jamari Chisholm, tight end Reese Leitao and junior college commits Gary Johnson (linebacker) and Joshua Rowland (kicker). Carter, Ehlinger, linebacker Marqez Bimage, tight end Cade Brewer, offensive tackle Samuel Cosmi, offensive guard Derek Kerstetter, defensive ends Max Cummins and

“We did extensive background research on all of these individuals and are really, really excited about where they fit.”  
—Tom Herman, Head coach

Ta'Quon Graham, wide receiver Damion Miller, running back Daniel Young and defensive backs Kobe Boyce, Montrell Estell and Josh Thompson round out Herman's first class. "The group we've assembled from a staff standpoint is totally aligned with our mission," Herman said. "We recruit and sign kids at the University of Texas that we think can play for and win us a national championship."

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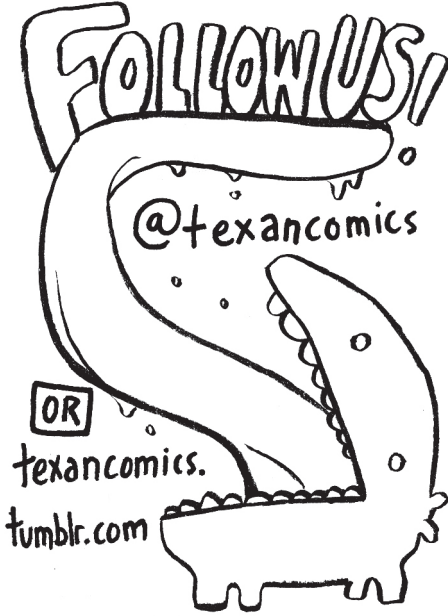
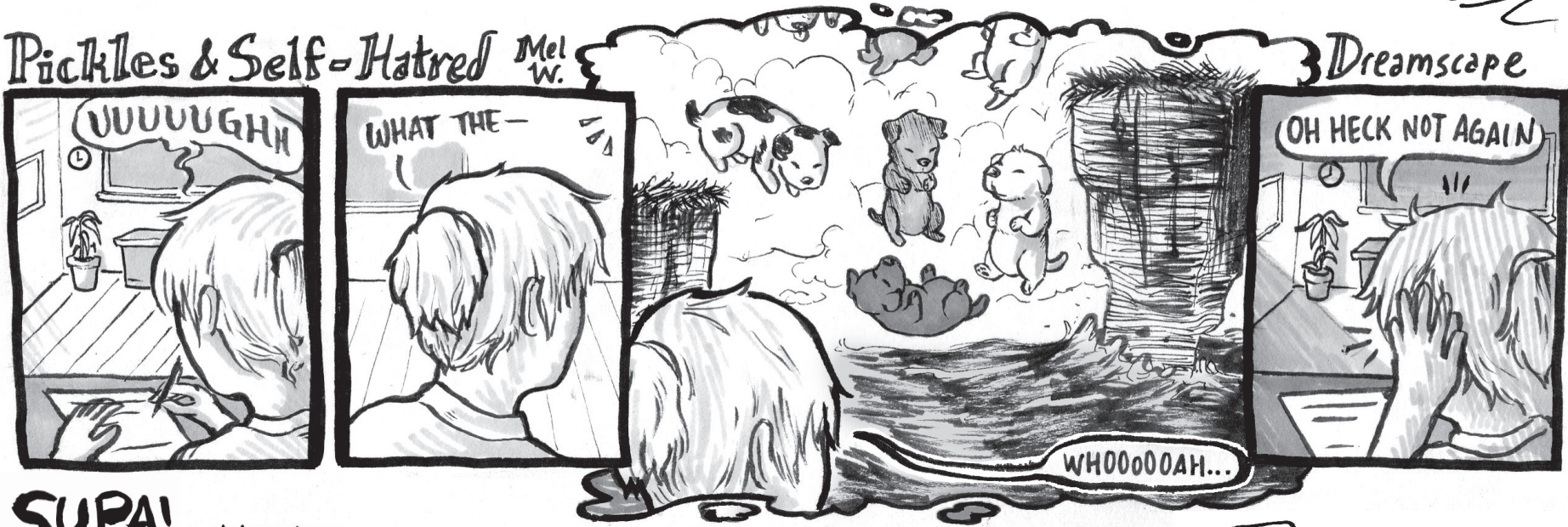


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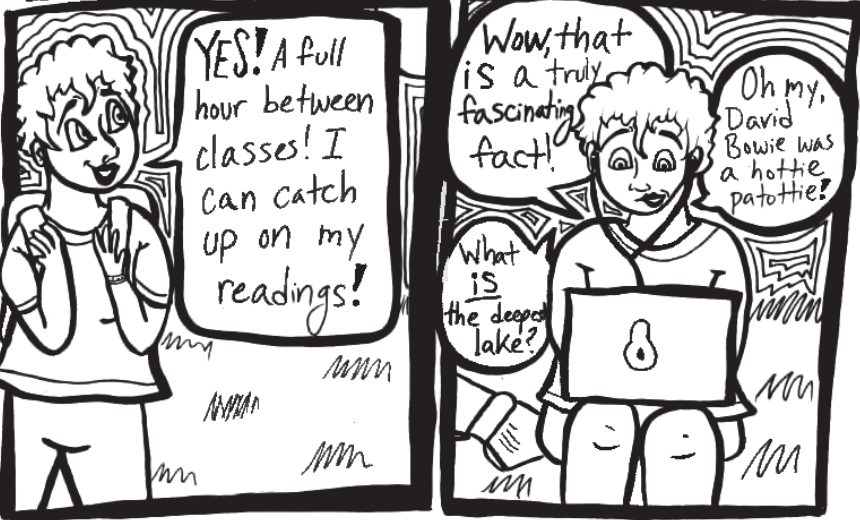


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### The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1229

- ACROSS**

1 Many a SpaceX worker: Abbr.

5 Small drum

10 Yearning

14 See 16-Across

15 "Send me"

16 With 14-Across, "Meet the Parents" co-star

17 Climate change subj.

18 Being in the dark, maybe, and others

19 "Goes"

20 One title for this puzzle's subject, spelled in order by the circled letters

23 Foreign title of address

24 Club

25 Unloaded on

28 Another title for this puzzle's subject

32 180
- 33 Narrow estuaries

34 Material in the game Minecraft

35 Broccoli

38 Jazz with rapid chord changes

39 Turntable speeds, briefly

40 Crimson rival

41 Ziegler, Richard Schiff's Emmy-winning role on "The West Wing"

43 Colonel's chain

45 Another title for this puzzle's subject

50 1998 Masters champion Mark

51 The last "Back to the Future"

52 —en-Provence

54 Another title for this puzzle's subject

58 A is the best one

60 Gladden
- 61 Burkina (African land)

62 English poet laureate Nahum

63 Many a techno concert attendee

64 Baseball's Felipe

65 Adderall target, briefly

66 Copycats

67 Many a one-star Yelp review

- DOWN**

1 Relatives of sabers

2 Like some extreme diets

3 Stepmom of Mitchell and Claire on "Modern Family"

4 Sushi plate item

5 Younger Trump daughter

6 One of the Furies

7 Boring

8 Grendel in "Beowulf," e.g.

9 Antarctic waters

10 The "ipso" in ipso facto

11 Common pendant shape

12 Show happiness or sadness, say

13 Word on a towel

21 High wind

22 A lot

26 Semester, e.g.

27 Has a mortgage, say

29 Regret

30 Often-swirled food, informally

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WEST CAMPUS

Rancho Rio park hosts music, comedy nights

By Stephen Acevedo  
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When a trio of Rancho Rio food truck proprietors noticed that some students were unable to get into West Campus parties, they decided to create a place they could kick it to free live music and comedy nights.

Truck owners Eddie Windwillow, William Marsden and Stefan Rice recently pooled their resources together to build a stage, purchase light equipment and scout talent to perform on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays in the park on Rio Grande and 26th streets.

“We see people trying to get into parties with lines and guest lists,” Windwillow said. “If you don’t get into a party, you can come chill here and listen to some nice music or some solid comedy.”

When Marsden began talking to Windwillow about possibly hosting performances at the park in the future, Windwillow and Rice started brainstorming ways to make it happen.

“Stefan and I are the kind of guys who hear these ideas and decide to just go for it,” Windwillow said. “And if it fails, who cares? At least we tried something fun for our customers.”

Marsden said he felt the park had an obligation to provide the community with some outdoor entertainment as one of the few outdoor hangout spots in West Campus.

“We thought, well, we have a park here, we need to start doing music,” Marsden said. “Maybe we can even have a West Campus fest at some point.”

Now, the fellas at Rancho Rio



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A local artist performs at open mic at Rancho Rio Eatery. Performers expressed many forms of poetry and music to the audience in the presence of good food.

are hosting open mic comedy Tuesday nights and an eclectic variety of live music Friday and Saturday nights.

“We’re keeping it really open in terms of genre, because we don’t know anything,” Marsden said. “I have these certain ideas about what people like, and I don’t think they’re right all the time. Maybe a Jimmy Buffet cover band would actually set things off. You really never know.”

Within the first two weeks of introducing the

Rancho Rio music and comedy nights, Windwillow said they’ve shown a lot of promise for the park’s future as a live entertainment spot.

“People are coming by to check out what’s going on, and they really seem to be enjoying themselves,” Windwillow said. “There was even a DJ on Saturday that went past schedule, and we had people dancing on the tables and everything. It was cool to see.”

While having people

listen to music and comedy in the park is definitely helpful for business, the guys also want these live entertainment nights to be helpful to the actual performers.

“Hopefully, we can help people feel comfortable in performing so that they can move on and get better,” Windwillow said. “Some of our performers may not be great at their craft yet, but maybe we can get to see that person progress into something that’s great.”

Though the Rancho Rio

folks want to see these events grow and become a big part of West Campus culture over time, they don’t plan on ever charging patrons to come and have fun.

“We know everyone’s in college,” Windwillow said. “Who wants to pay to go to a place that’s been free the whole time they’ve been going to school? We don’t want to do that. We just want people to come and enjoy themselves.”

In the end, Windwillow, Marsden and Rice hope to

RANCHO RIO

**Location:** 2512 Rio Grande St.  
**Days:** Tuesday, Friday and Saturday

give back to the community that has helped keep all of their businesses thriving.

“To me, you guys have made us,” Windwillow said. “The students and my customers have put us on the map. So, this is us giving back and saying thank you.”

LECTURE

Christian scientist to speak on balance of faith, climate issues

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Science and religion may have a long history of disagreement, but even Galileo would be shocked at the vehement opposition of some to climate science.

As a devout Christian, Katharine Hayhoe, a climate scientist and professor at Texas Tech University who was on the 2014 Time’s 100 Most Influential List, has a unique perspective on global warming. In a talk she’ll give Friday at Austin’s Paramount Theatre, Hayhoe will explain how scientists and people of faith have more in common than they think when it comes to the environment and will give a few tips about how the two groups can find common ground.

Hayhoe said most of the current anger directed at climate science from the Christian community is not because their beliefs

are fundamentally different, but because their religious identity is so closely tied to conservative politics.

“It’s gotten to the point where the No. 1 predictor of what we think about climate change is simply where we fall on the political spectrum,” Hayhoe said.

According to Hayhoe, environmentalism has come to be associated with radical liberalism, therefore causing some conservative Christians to think believing in climate change goes against the faith-based values of their political party.

“Politics are part of who we are, so if we were to agree with a perspective that wasn’t consistent with who we are on the political spectrum, then it would have to change how we think about ourselves, and many of us are not prepared to do that,” Hayhoe said. “What I’ve learned is that explaining the science to someone who already

disagrees with the science isn’t gonna fix the problem.”

Kenneth Young, a UT professor in the department of geography and the environment, said he’s noticed climate change skepticism is unique to the United States.

“I work mostly internationally, and the U.S. is the only place where I have to deal with this daily,” Young said. “It’s incredible how religion has become so politicized.”

Rev. Carolyn Helsel, an assistant professor of homiletics at the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, said the easiest route for science and faith to reconcile must start with identifying the similarities in their teachings.

“There are plenty of Christians who are excellent scientists, and plenty of excellent scientists who are devout Christians,” Helsel said. “For both science and persons of

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Courtesy of Ashley Rodgers

Katharine Hayhoe is a climate scientist and professor at Texas Tech University who will speak in UT’s ongoing lecture series “Hot Science, Cool Talks” this Friday at Austin’s Paramount Theatre.

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